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MEMORANDUM FOR Residents on Mark Twain Village and Patrick Henry Village

SUBJECT: United States Army Garrison Heidelberg (USAG) Command Policy Memorandum # 56. Washing of Private Owned Vehicles (POVs) on Mark Twain Village (MTV) and Patrick Henry Village (PHV)

1. **Purpose.** To establish an USAG Heidelberg policy for POV washing on PHV and MTV.
2. **Applicability.** This policy applies to all residents of Patrick Henry and Mark Twain Villages. It **does not** apply to personnel residing off-post, who should contact their Bürgermeisteramt for guidance.
3. **Background.** Local host nation environmental ordinances and regulations concerning POV washing are generally more stringent than those found in the United States. This memorandum provides a "how to" guide to ensure that POV washing on post is conducted in accordance with applicable host nation environmental ordinances and regulations.
4. **Policy.**
 - a. Washing of POVs is permitted when **all** four of the following conditions are met:
 - (1) **Biodegradable** soap is used. Examples of biodegradable soaps include liquid dishwashing detergents such as "Dove," "Dawn," and "Sunlight" or other brands labeled as biodegradable. Car care products containing solvents or other hazardous substances **may not** be used. One example of an item which **is not** biodegradable is "Bleech-Wite" tire cleaner. When in doubt, read the label. If still unsure, contact the Directorate of Public Works (DPW) Environmental Division, DSN 387-3140.
 - (2) POV is situated on a **paved** resident parking space, and not on the grass or on a public road.
 - (3) Selected **paved** area drains to a storm **sewer** inlet, and not onto the grass.
 - (4) Washing is limited to the exterior body of a POV. Engine, high pressure, or steam cleaning any parts of a POV is restricted. Application in any form of a water **endangering** substance considered toxic, reactive, irritant, flammable, or corrosive is strictly prohibited. The underbody cleaning of POVs is not authorized. Changing oil, antifreeze, or any other liquid considered toxic, reactive, irritant, flammable, or corrosive is also strictly prohibited.

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b. “Mass” POV washings, for example at fund raising events, may only be conducted at vehicle wash facilities (“wash racks”) which have functional oil and fuel separators.

5. For additional information contact DPW Environmental Management Division at DSN 387-3140, civilian 06221-43803140.

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